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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC TITLES FOR DEA PERSONNEL

ASSIGNED TO OVERSEAS MISSIONS

REF: STATE 305106

1. FOLLOWING INFO IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMAT
SET FORTH PARA 2 REFTEL.

A. SAIC

B. JOSEPH C. BRADDOCK

C. DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT

D. STATE MESSAGE 156532 DATED AUGUST 25, 1971 SAID
STATE "WILL AUTHORIZE" TITLE OF ATTACHE TO SAIC IN
ACCORDANCE WITH BNDD- STATE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IN
VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES SET FORTH PARA 2 BELOW TITLE
NEVER CONFERRED.

E. NO (SEE PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW)

A. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR

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B. RICHARD J. LONG JR.
C. OFFICIAL PASSPORT

D. SAME MESSAGE REFERRED TO PARA D ABOVE INDICATED
DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO CONFER ASSISTANT ATTACHE
TITLE. HOWEVER, TITLE WAS NEVER CONFERRED FOR
SAME REASON.

E. NO (SEE PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW)

2. ACCORDING EMBASSY RECORDS (SINGAPORE 2134 DATED
AUGUST 26, 1971), CONVERSATION IN 1971 WITH MFA OFFICIALS
INDICATED GOS WILLING TO AGREE TO ASSIGNMENT OF DEA
PERSONNEL ON CONDITION THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC
STATUS. THEREFORE EMBASSY DID NOT REQUEST DIPLOMATIC
STATUS FOR DEA PERSONNEL IN OFFICIAL NOTE REQUESTING
MFA CONCURRENCE IN ESTABLISHING DEA OFFICE IN SINGAPORE.
MFA HAS ESTABLISHED A CEILING OF 22 PERSONS WHICH CAN BE
PLACED ON DIPLOMATIC LIST. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 22 EMBASSY
OFFICIALS ON THE LIST. THEREFORE, EVEN IF MFA CONCURRED IN
ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO DEA OFFICIALS, WHICH
IS UNLIKELY, EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PUT DEA OFFICIALS
ON LIST WITHOUT DELETING PERSONNEL ALREADY ON THE LIST.
CHANCE OF OBTAINING GOS CONCURRENCE IN RAISING CEILING
IS VIRTUALLY NIL. IF GOS WERE TO INCREASE CEILING IT
WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE CEILING FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY
AND EVENTUALLY THE PRC WHEN IT ESTABLISHES RELATIONS
WITH THE GOS. THE GOS IS ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF
COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS TO A MINIMUM, AND THEREFORE WE ARE
QUITE CERTAIN GOS WOULD REJECT ANY REQUEST BY US TO
RAISE THE CEILING.

3. DEA PERSONNEL HAVE HAD EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIPS
HERE FOR POST FOUR YEARS WITH CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU,
AND WE SEE NO REASON WHY THEIR JOB REQUIRES THEIR BEING
PLACED ON THE LIST.

4. SAIC BRADDOCK CURRENTLY CARRIES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT
AND HIS ASSISTANT, RICHARD LONG, HAS OFFICIAL PASSPORT.
SINCE BRADDOCK'S PASSPORT EXPIRES 2/28/76, EMBASSY HAS
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REQUESTED EXTENSTION (SINGAPORE 0033). ALTHOUGH WE SEE
NO VALID REASON TO PUT THEM ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, WE HAVE
NO OBJECTION AND DO NOT BELEIVE GOS WOULD POSE ANY OBJECTION
TO THEIR CARRYING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. THIS COULD BE OF
SOME PROTECTION TO THEM IF THEY WERE FALSELY ARRESTED BY
LOCAL POLICE WHILE ACTING AS UNDERCOVER AGENTS. (THIS
IS MOST UNLIKELY IN VIEW OF THEIR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH CNB, BUT IT COULD HAPPEN.) THEREFORE, EMBASSY

RECOMMENDS THAT BRADDOCK'S DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT BE EXTENDED
AS REQUESTED AND THAT LONG ALSO BE ISSUED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.
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